

Introduction to Amazonia

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With all these new subscribers recently, I think it is time to give a short introduction to the Amazonia stories that appear on Eurosappho from time to time (before they think we're a bit weird :).

It all started out in the early days of E-S. Eva, our beloved listmistress, gave the first statistics of the young mailing list. She posted the top ten of most talkative women (guess who was first :) and someone reacted by suggesting some sort of award for this group of eloquent dykes. Another woman immediately came up with the idea of a trip to Amazonia.

After a short silence our first trek through the rainforest started, led by Eva. We encountered the Dyke Police, the Dildo Dykes and all sorts of other creatures. Other Eurosapphites joined in and shared their imagination. They led us through all kinds of adventures. Leaving the one's that stayed at home breathlessly reading their mail.

However, after a while the trip ended and everyday life took over once again. Amazonia was left to recover from the intruding Dykes.

But this part of cyber space remained in the shared Eurosappho memory and from time to time it crops up again. Leading our minds astray, keeping us from our work and changing us into cyber explorers, dykonauts. In the Amazonian stories usually references are made to ongoing or past threads, prominent or less prominent contributors to the list etc. So, it is fantasy & reality in one. But mostly they are absurd fairy tales.

It is important to know that Amazonia belongs to all of us. It is not someone's personal fantasy, it is a shared world in which all can partake, everyone can add to it, comment, create new personalities, new events, new situations. As long as you keep in mind that it should be unoffensive: that is, be careful who you mention and how... (that is difficult enough, believe me, I know!); if you are going to describe adventures containing sexual fantasies, be sure to put a warning in the top of the message. Some women might not like to read about explicit sex, others cannot read it because they are at their office, etc. It also might be handy to put the word Amazonia in the subject header so that women who don't want to read the Amazonian adventures can skip the posts.

With this brief introduction to this Eurosapphic tradition I hope to have informed new women on the list and to have refreshed the memories of older _subscribers. If anyone wants to add to this information (or correct me if I said something wrong) please, feel free.

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